

CIA boss beats pension cutoff, gets 'double pay'

WASHINGTON [UPI]—By beating a pension ceiling deadline, CIA Director Stansfield Turner has won a 41 per cent pay increase, boosting his government income to nearly \$81,000 a year.

Turner's income now exceeds the \$75,000 a year paid to Vice President Walter Mondale and Supreme Court Justice Warren Burger, and the \$66,000-a-year salaries received by cabinet secretaries.

Turner's pay raise is the result of his decision on the last day of 1978 to retire from the Navy as a four-star admiral, which immediately made him eligible for a \$23,390-a-year pension to add to the \$57,500 he earns as CIA chief.

Had Turner waited until Friday to retire, he would have had to forfeit his pension while in his present government job.

Congress last year placed a ceiling of \$47,500 on the combined federal pay plus federal pension future military retirees can receive. The law takes effect Thursday.

TURNER, HOWEVER, retired officially on Dec. 31.

The National Taxpayers Union, a national anti-tax lobbying organization, discovered Turner's action and urged in a letter that the CIA chief and all other federal employees earning \$57,500 a year or more "voluntarily abstain from collecting 'dual compensation' while they are in public office."

"This is a fiscal outrage against the American taxpayer in view of the so-called war on inflation, a soaring \$123 billion defense budget with over \$10 billion a year in military pension outlays alone," said NTU research director Sid Taylor in his letter to Turner.

Taylor said "double dippers" like Turner cost the taxpayers about \$1 billion a year in added pension costs.

It is estimated that about 3,000 retired military personnel in second-career jobs on the federal payroll are earning from \$50,000 to \$80,000 a year in combined pay plus pension income.

TAYLOR SAID Turner's 41 per cent pay increase, "however legal, illustrates the abusive spending aspects of the Dual Compensation Act of 1964," which allows government workers to receive both pay and pension at the same time.

He further charged that Turner's action was "a violation of President Carter's 7 per cent wage-price guidelines—by government itself."

A copy of the letter was sent to Alfred Kahn, President Carter's chief inflation adviser.



Adm. Stansfield Turner